

Safe Operating Procedure Pressure Washer

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The instructions recommended within this document apply to normal risk conditions. If the Pressure Washer is to be operated in a dangerous or hostile environment, the user/client is responsible for conducting an appropriate risk analysis and applying suitable controls to mitigate those additional risks.

This instruction should be read in conjunction with the Risk Assessment.

GENERAL SAFETY

- Safety glasses, gloves, safety footwear and Hi-Vis Jacket must be worn at all times
- Close fitting protection clothing must be worn
- Hearing protection must be considered when using this machine

POTENTIAL RISKS

- Users/Clients should review the risk procedure document for this machine
- Care must be taken to avoid flying debris and cuts and abrasions from spray contact or back spray
- Electrocutation can occur from power faults, faulty equipment, incorrect use or spraying electrical power sources
- Brace correctly and move carefully to avoid trips or falls.

TRANSPORT OF PRESSURE WASHER

- Ensure unit is firmly tied down on transport vehicle without damaging mechanical components or hose
- Make sure hoses are not kinked

OPERATING CONDITIONS

- Before use, check power cord, extension lead, hoses, sockets and power outlet for damage
- DO NOT OPERATE IF ANY FAULTS FOUND
- Make sure electrical lead test tags are up to date
- Use unit only in a designated wash bay area
- Ensure no other persons are in the immediate work area
- Only use pressure washer when hand held and never leave washer when it's running
- Ensure electrical lead and hose movement is not impeded while working
- DO NOT OPERATE WASHER UNTIL WATER SUPPLY IS ATTACHED AND RUNNING
- DO NOT POINT HOSE AT ANY PERSON INCLUDING THE OPERATOR
- DO NOT LOCK TRIGGER IN THE 'ON' POSITION
- Cleaned surface may be damaged if nozzle is too close to that surface
- Monitor work area to ensure no person is in a position to be injured by dislodged material
- IF ANY PERSON ENCROACHES INTO WORK AREA, IMMEDIATELY RELEASE TRIGGER AND STOP WORK
- Continually check that electrical lead is not lying in water
- When finished, release trigger and place nozzle on ground pointing away from machine and people
- Turn cleaner off at the machine
- Turn off water supply and disconnect from tap
- Coil power lead and hose and position to one side
- Store unit in an appropriate location

INSPECTION AND MAINTENANCE

- Always check power cord, extension lead, hoses, sockets and power outlet for damage
- Check that electrical lead and plugs are not wet
- Make sure electrical lead test tags are up to date

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- Make sure hose is not kinked

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Likely Risk Issue	Who/ What may be harmed? (Specific Persons)	What is the Rate Level? (Rate risk as Low, Medium or High)	What Risk Control Actions Needs to Be Taken? (What needs to be considered so that the risks are identified and effectively controlled)	Time Frame
Eye Damage Load Noise ear damage	Operator Spectator	Severity of Risk (S)- 2 Likelihood of Risk (L)- 2 Overall Risk (S x L)= 4 MEDIUM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Always wear safety glasses Never aim pressure hose in direction of spectators Always wear hearing protection Warn bystanders prior to starting machine 	Every Hire
Foot Damage	Operator Spectator	Severity of Risk (S)- 2 Likelihood of Risk (L)- 2 Overall Risk (S x L)= 4 MEDIUM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wear appropriate footwear - no thongs Make sure work area is clear of obstacles which may obstruct operation of cleaner Be aware of bystanders and set up exclusion zone if necessary 	Every Hire
Electrocution	Operator Spectator	Severity of Risk (S)- 3 Likelihood of Risk (L)- 2 Overall Risk (S x L)= 6 MEDIUM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Check lead for cuts, breaks prior to starting electric pressure cleaner Ensure electrical test tag is current and in date Ensure circuit breaker of power source is functioning correctly 	Every Hire
Trips, slips, fall	Operator Spectator	Severity of Risk (S)- 1 Likelihood of Risk (L)- 2 Overall Risk (S x L)= 2 LOW	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clear work area of potential obstacles prior to commencing work Be aware of the positioning of both the pressure and garden hoses to avoid getting your feet tangles in either Wet surfaces may become slippery and us such extreme caution should be used Never operate from dangerous areas such as ladders, walls etc If operating on roof ensure edge protection, safety lines and harnesses are used 	Every Hire
Burns Fire Explosions	Operator Spectator	Severity of Risk (S)- 2 Likelihood of Risk (L)- 2 Overall Risk (S x L)= 4 MEDIUM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Always stop the unit prior to refueling Wear safety gloves to protect hands from hot parts Allow machine time to cool down after use prior to moving 	Every Hire
Exposure to Dangerous fumes	Operator Spectator	Severity of Risk (S)- 3 Likelihood of Risk (L)- 1 Overall Risk (S x L)= 3 LOW	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Never use petrol pressure cleaner in confined spaces Always ensure adequate ventilation prior to use 	Every Hire

Calculation of Risk Evaluation

Severity of Risk (S) is judged by evaluating the effects of the hazard if the risk occurs. This is evaluated as Minor = 1, Major = 2, Serious = 3

Risk Likelihood (L) - The likelihood of the harm occurring is evaluated on the basis of: Unlikely =1, Possible = 2, Likely = 3

Overall Risk is calculated by multiplying the figure for Severity (S) and Likelihood (L).

The overall risk figure calculated is related to the Risk Level of either Low: 1 to 3; Medium: 4 to 6 or High: 7 to 9

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NB This is a generic risk assessment only. It is advisable to carry out a site-specific assessment prior to using this equipment.

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